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SENATE BILL

No. 1845

Introduced by Senator Kuehl

March 7, 2006

An act to amend ~~Sections 35600 and 35625~~ *Section 35600* of the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1845, as amended, Kuehl. Natural resources: Ocean Protection Council.

(1) ~~The California Ocean Protection Act establishes the Ocean Protection Council in state government. The act provides that the council consists of the Secretary of the Resources Agency, the Secretary for Environmental Protection, and the Chair of the State Lands Commission. The act requires the council, among other things, to coordinate activities of state agencies, that are related to the protection and conservation of coastal waters and ocean ecosystems, and to establish policies to coordinate the collection and sharing of scientific data related to coast and ocean resources between agencies.~~

This bill would provide that the council additionally consists of 2 members of the public appointed by the Governor for a specified term, and with specified qualifications.

(2) ~~The act to the extent funds are available permits the council to contract for consultants to provide educational, scientific, on administrative services.~~

~~The bill would instead authorize the council to hire a science advisor and an executive policy officer.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35600 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 35600. (a) The Ocean Protection Council is established in
4 state government. The council consists of the Secretary of the
5 Resources Agency, the Secretary for Environmental Protection,
6 the Chair of the State Lands Commission, and two members of
7 the public appointed by the Governor.

8 (b) The two public members shall each serve a term of four
9 years, and may each be reappointed to one additional term. It is
10 the intent of the Legislature that the public members of the
11 council demonstrate the highest standards of leadership,
12 scholarship, and knowledge of contemporary ocean conservation
13 issues. One of the public members shall demonstrate expertise on
14 public policy issues important to ocean conservation, and the
15 other public member shall be a recognized expert from a
16 scientific discipline that is directly relevant to the protection of
17 ocean resources.

18 ~~SEC. 2. Section 35625 of the Public Resources Code is~~
19 ~~amended to read:~~

20 ~~35625. (a) Under the direction of the Secretary of the~~
21 ~~Resources Agency, the Executive Officer of the State Coastal~~
22 ~~Conservancy shall act as secretary to the council, administer its~~
23 ~~affairs, and provide the staff services that the council needs to~~
24 ~~carry out this division, including, but not limited to, both of the~~
25 ~~following:~~

26 ~~(1) Administering grants and expenditures authorized by the~~
27 ~~council from the fund or other sources, including, but not limited~~
28 ~~to, block grants from other state boards, commissions, or~~
29 ~~departments.~~

30 ~~(2) Arranging meetings, agendas, and other administrative~~
31 ~~functions in support of the council.~~

32 ~~(b) The Legislature may make appropriations to be used for~~
33 ~~the purposes of this division directly to the State Coastal~~
34 ~~Conservancy, for expenditures authorized by the council.~~

1 ~~(e) The council may hire a science advisor and an executive~~
2 ~~policy officer.~~

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